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**Title:** Processes for Preparing Novel Methylene Blue Derivative**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

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**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION**  
**OF AUGUST 5, 2005 (MAIL DATE)**

**I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

- Request for Consideration of Response**

This "RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF AUGUST 5, 2005" replies to the outstanding office action in this case, distinctly and specifically pointing out the errors in the Examiner's action, as well as responding to every ground of objection and rejection set forth in the office action. This response is a bona fide attempt to advance the application to final action. In light of the amendments (if any) and remarks set forth below, Applicant seeks further examination of the application and requests that the Examiner reconsider the Examiner's stance with respect to the patentability of the claims. Applicant hereby requests that any objections or requirements as to form (if any) not necessary to further consideration of the claims be held in abeyance until allowable subject matter is indicated.

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- REQUEST FOR, AND PAYMENT OF, EXTENSION FEE

An extension fee, which is believed to be a two-month extension fee, is due with this filing. Applicant hereby requests such extension and provides the Commissioner with the authority to debit Kelley Drye & Warren's Deposit Account No. 11-0404 for the extension fee.

- LOCATION OF SPECIFIED SECTIONS FOR SCANNING OF THIS DOCUMENT

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- REQUEST FOR ENTRANCE OF AMENDMENTS AND CONSIDERATION OF ARGUMENTS

Applicants respectfully request entrance of the amendments, and consideration of its arguments set forth below. Amended/new claims that may be construed as more limiting in scope than the scope of any of the claims prior to amendment/cancellation/addition should not be construed as an abandonment of any subject matter no longer claimed, nor should the amended/new claims be construed in any manner to waive or limit the equivalent structures of any element recited in such claims that would otherwise be available under the Doctrine of Equivalents with respect to the unamended/cancelled claims.

Amendment/cancellation/addition of the claims is not in any manner intended to, and should not be construed to, waive Applicant's right in the future to seek protection for the subject matter claimed in prior claims, or to seek protection for similar matter in any continuation, divisional, continuation-in-part, RCE, CPA or any other application claiming priority to or through the present application. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file

applications directed to the subject matter covered by any cancelled or previously submitted claim, as well as any uncovered subject matter disclosed in the specification.